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HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3% PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 5% PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,

J. T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 15, 1893. 1515

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, \$2,000,000.

CAPITAL CALLED UP, 261,983.150.

Bankers:

CAPITAL & COUNTIES BANK, LIMITED;

Head Office: 3, PRINCES STREET, LONDON.

Branches:

BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG & SHANGHAI.

Agencies:

PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF INTEREST. Allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits can be ascertained on application. Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

CHANTREY INCHBALD, Manager.

Hongkong, November 6, 1893. 247

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, \$1,000,000.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, \$2,500,000.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Directors:

D. GILLES, Esq., H. STOLTZFOOTH, Esq.,

CHAN KEE SIAM, Esq., CHOW TUNG SHANG, Esq.

KWAN HOI CHUEN, Esq., Chief Manager.

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches:

LONDON, YOKOHAMA, SHANGHAI AND AMOY.

Bankers:

THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF SCOTLAND, PARK'S BANKING CO., AND THE ALLIANCE BANK (LTD.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed 5%.

Hongkong, May 24, 1893. 47

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$10,000,000.

RESERVE FUND, \$3,000,000.

LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS, \$10,000,000.

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS:

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C. J. HOLLIDAY, Esq.—Deputy Chairman.

R. M. Gray, Esq., Julius Kramer, Esq., Carl Jantzen, Esq., A. M. McConville, Esq., H. H. Joseph, Esq., S. P. Moses, Esq., Hon. J. J. Kieswetter, D. R. Sisson, Esq.

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On Current Account at the rate of 2% per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 3 months 3% per cent. per annum.

6 " 4 "

12 " 5 "

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, October 19, 1893. 880

THE MERCHANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, \$1,500,000.

SUBSCRIBED, \$1,125,000.

Stocks:

LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LTD.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts at the Rate of 2% per Annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 12 Months, 5%.

For 6 Months, 4%.

For 3 Months, 3%.

JOHN THUREBROOK, Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 4, 1893. 228

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

BY Order of the Board of Directors, Messrs. SANDER & CO. will be in charge of the Company's Business at this port, during my Temporary Absence.

C. ZANELLA, Agent.

Hongkong, February 15, 1894. 316

Intimations.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 1,405.

REGULAR MEETING of the above Lodge will be held in the Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, THIS EVENING, the 16th Instant, at 8.30 p.m. precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially invited.

Hongkong, February 16, 1894. 279

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH, 1894, AT 8.30 P.M.

COMPETITION 'MARTINI' CUP and SPOONS. Range, 200, 500 and 600 yards. 5 shots at each Range. Entrance Fees for Spoons, 30 Cents.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 15, 1894. 300

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Company, No. 14, Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 19th February, 1894, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1893.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 10th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 1, 1894. 229

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twenty-Fifth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Pedder's Street, SATURDAY, the 10th Proximo, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1893, and a Report of the Directors, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 24th Instant to the 10th Proximo, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, February 12, 1894. 296

PRIVATE BOARD AND RESIDENCE FOR LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. Special attention to Ladies' comfort. Accommodation for Table Boarders. Central situation.

Mrs. MATHERSON, 2 and 3 Pedder's Hill.

Hongkong, July 24, 1893. 1287

CHAS. J. GAUPP & CO., Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers, Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND MUSEUM INSTRUMENTS.

Various Optical Instruments, Binoculars and Telescopes, Ritchie's Liquid and Other Compasses, Admiralty & Imray Charts, NAUTICAL BOOKS.

English, Silver & Electro-Plated Ware, Chrystal & Co. Electro-Plated Ware, GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY.

D. TUCKER, Manager.

Hongkong, February 12, 1894. 299

DIAMOND JEWELLERY, A Splendid Collection of the Latest LONDON Patterns, at very moderate prices. 742

FOR SALE.

JAPAN HAND-MADE PAPERS.

JAPAN PRINTING PAPERS.

JAPAN COPYING PAPERS.

JAPAN WALL PAPERS.

&c., &c., &c.

PRICE VERY MODERATE.

ORDERS to be respectfully received by the Undersigned.

MITSUBI BUSSAN KAISHA,

8, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, January 2, 1894. 1

WILL despatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on the DATES named:

FOR SALE.

JAPAN HAND-MADE PAPERS.

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SPECIALITIES FOR THE RACES.

NEW MILLINERY.

NEW LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S STRAW HATS.

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RACING JACKETS.

AND RACING FAVOURS.

GENT'S NEW FELT HATS.

W. POWELL & CO.

The China Mail

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, THURSDAY 16, 1894.

TELEGRAMS.

(SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL")

(Via Southern Line)

PARISH COUNCILS BILL

(CORRECTION)

London, Feb. 14.

The statement made on 9th instant that the Bill had passed the House of Lords was premature. It only passed the third reading yesterday but with many amendments which will require its return from the House of Commons.

The Government is determined to reject the amendments.

SIERRA LEONE

A French official despatch from Sierra Leone, in explanation of the last collision, states that the English Police had occupied a French village, and were trying to impress the villagers into their service for the purpose of making roads.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

PASSED SUM CANAL

OUTWARD BOUND.—Norwood, Jan. 2;

Naples, 9; Kara, Queen Adelais, Oscar

II, 16; Bandar, 23; Glenys, Ursula

26; Caledonien, Edouard, Jan. 2;

Thibet, Rothwell, Castle, 2;

Azemmen, Nica, Isidore, Pali-

ling, 6; Iron, Windsor, 9.

HOMEWARD BOUND.—Greece, Jan. 26;

Campos, Salazar, 30; Lennox, Feb.

5; Dardane, Gloucestershire, Ma-

laza, 9.

The M. M. Co.'s steamer Caledonien, with

the FRENCH MAIL of January 19, left Singapore on Thursday, February 15, at noon, and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 22nd Feb.

This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on Dec. 13.

The P. M. s. a. China, with the AMERICAN

MAIL of January 30, leaves Yokohama

on Saturday, Feb. 17, at daylight,

and may be expected here on or about

Thursday, Feb. 22.

The G. P. R. s. Empress of Japan left

Vancouver for Hongkong on Tuesday,

Feb. 6.

The N. P. S. a. Moyul left Victoria, B.C.,

for Japan and Hongkong on Feb. 7.

The a. s. Wingang, from Calcutta, &c., left

Singapore on Feb. 11, and may be ex-

pected here on or about Feb. 17.

The a. s. Paths left Singapore on Feb. 13,

and may be expected here on or about

Feb. 20.

The O. S. S. Co.'s a. Myrmidon left Sin-

gapore on Feb. 14, and may be ex-

pected here on or about Feb. 20.

The N. G. I. s. a. Mars left Bombay for

this port on Feb. 10, and may be ex-

pected here on or about March 1.

The P. & O. a. Gualior left Bombay for

this port on Feb. 14.

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this port on Feb. 14.

The Band of the 1st Shropshire L.I. will

play the following programme on the Bar-

ract Square to-night, commencing at 7.30

o'clock:—

Polka. "Brida & Brax." Coda.

Valzer. "Brigands." Godfrey.

Schottische. "Für den Tag." Boer.

Lancaster. "State Ball." Boyd.

Mazurka. "Merry England." Williams.

Waltz. "Bell Arie." Meader.

No hopes are now entertained of learning

any definite news of the missing steamer

Saint Asaph, and all concerned are driven

to the conclusion she was the vessel which

collided with the Hangchow (now in dock

here) on the 7th instant, and sank with all

hands. The Hangchow is now being re-

paired, and we learn that a piece of the iron

belonging to the other steamer has been

found sticking into the Hangchow's stem.

Nothing can, of course, be learnt from a

bit of iron—about as little as is likely to be

discovered by the long-deterred naval

search after the missing vessel.

A CRICKET match between Professions and

Commerce will be commenced at 11 o'clock

to-morrow (Saturday).

The following will play for the Profes-

sions:—J. A. Lowson, Major Lyle, R. D.

Markham, K. W. Mountney, Capt. Welman,

R. K. Leigh, Major Clarke, Lieut. Moore,

E. N. G. A. Woodcock, Lieut. Hall, R.N.,

Lieut. Coxon, R.N.

In the afternoon the Band of the Hong-

kong Regiment will by the courtesy of

Col. Harrow and the Officers of the Regt.

ment, play a selection of music.

At the Magistracy this morning, Mr. H. E.

Wodehouse held an inquest upon the

bodies of the two children who lost their

lives in the fire at 28 Upper Station Street

on the night of 14th February. The evi-

dence was to the effect that the fire was

caused by a curtain becoming ignited from

a taper on a shrine. A woman stated that

she was in a room with eight or nine per-

sons, including three children. All the

grown-up people made their escape by a

small window into a cookhouse at the

back, and this woman managed to

get one of the children through the

window after them. The flames were gain-

ing on her, and she was obliged to leave

the other two children to their fate. His

Worship found that death resulted from

injuries received from burning or suffoca-

tion.

Entertainments.

HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB,
A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE OF
"PRINCESS TOTO"
will be given at the THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL,
SATURDAY,
24th February, 1894, at 9 p.m. precisely.

Books of the Words of the Songs can be obtained (price 10 cents) at the Booking Office, Messrs. LEWIS CRAWFORD & CO.'s, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, February 15, 1894. 320

HONGKONG ATHLETIC SPORTS.

To be held on the RACE COURSE on SATURDAY, the 10th of March, 1894, Commencing at 1.30 p.m.

PROGRAMME.

1. 100 Yards Flat Race (Handicap).
2. Throwing the Cricket Ball.
3. Long Jump.
4. Quartier mil (Handicap), Soldiers, Sailors, and Police.
5. Bicycle Race, 1 mile (Scratch).
6. High Jump.
7. Ladies' Purse, Half mile (Handicap).
8. Veteran's Race.
9. 100 Yards (Challenge Cup).
10. Tug-of-War.
11. Hurdle Race (120 yards, 10 fings).
12. Quarter mile Flat Race.
13. Mile Flat Race (Handicap), Soldiers, &c.
14. Mile Flat Race.
15. 200 Yards (Handicap).
16. Combination Race (120 yards).
17. Mile Bicycle Race (Handicap).
- Nos. 4, 5, 13, and 18 are open events.
- Entry forms can be obtained after the 10th of FEBRUARY, 1894, at the VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB, QUARRY BAY ATHLETIC GATES, HUNGKONG DOCK, or at the under-signed, and must be sent in not later than February 25th, 1894.

A. DENISON,
Hon. Secretary,
H. K. A. C.

Hongkong, February 1, 1894. 236

Mails.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR:
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ,
PORT SAID,
MEDITERRANEAN AND
BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA,
MARSEILLE, LONDON,
HAVRE AND BORDEAUX:

PORTS OF BRAZIL AND LA PLATA.

(ON WEDNESDAY, the 21st February, 1894, at noon, the Company's S.S. OCERIANEN, Commandant SCHMITZ, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPAGHETTI, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.)

Cargo and Spagetti will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m., on the 20th February, 1894. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPKAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, February 7, 1894. 265

STEAM FOR:

STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA,
INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT,
MEDITERRANEAN PORTS,
PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship ROSETTA, Captain T. C. GADD, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, on THURSDAY, the 1st March, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports. (This Steamer connects at Bombay with the Steamship CLYDE, which Vessel takes her Cargo for LONDON, and SUEZ CANAL, leaving that port on the 24th MARCH, 1894.)

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further particulars, apply to

A. M. MARSHALL,
for Superintendent.

F. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,

Hongkong, February 15, 1894. 319

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHING BOOKS FOR THE USE OF Ladies and Gentlemen, can now be had at this Office—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

Mails.

U. S. Mail Line.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

City of Peking (via)
Nagasaki, Kobe, Friday, Feb. 23,
Inland Sea and Yokohama, at daylight.

China (via Nagasaki)
Kobe, Island Sea, Wednesday, Mar. 7,
Yokohama and Honolulu, at daylight.

Korea (via Nagasaki)
Kobe, Island Sea, Saturday, Mar. 24,
Yokohama, at daylight.

Hongkong, February 16, 1894. 326

To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at this Company's Hotel, on THURSDAY, 8th March, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of the Accounts of the Company for the 31st December, 1893, with the Report of the Directors, and to discuss any matters that may conveniently be brought before the Meeting.

THE CHINA MAIL.

The P.M. s.s. China, with masts, &c., from San Francisco to the 30th ultimo, and Honolulu the 6th instant, has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port to-morrow morning, the 17th inst.

COMMENTING upon the debate in the House of Commons on the Featherstone Riot, the London *Daily News* states that in his manly speech Mr John Burns paid a well-deserved compliment to the cool self-restraint of Captain Barker.

An Australian Telegram says:—A young man residing in Auckland has applied to the police for the arrest of two persons under the following circumstances:—He married a young lady in Melbourne, and his wife bolted with his father, who is nearly seventy years of age. He found them accidentally in the streets of Auckland, and a scene ensued.

Court Telelet gave the Englishman a home-truth the other day in an interview. He said:—“You English have our faults, in addition to your many noble qualities, and that is the terrible prevalence of hypocrisy and cant in your country. How men can reconcile conquest, murder, pillage, and robbery with the Church of Christ I cannot understand. And then, too, the Englishman howls at every ‘foreign’ nation that goes in for similar conquest or robbery!”

An unsuccessful attempt was made recently to import some 34 Japanese girls into Singapore for immoral purposes. In consequence of information received by the Chinese Protectorate, Mr Wry, accompanied by Inspector Black, boarded the s.s. *Macaulay* on her arrival from Japan, and the whole party, together with six Japanese men, were taken charge of the police, or which were found in the premises at 109 Praya West—Are those marks your marks?—No. They resemble our marks very closely.

Can you point out the difference?—In the first place the word California is misspelt. It appears as ‘California.’ Our bags are printed upon a printing press. We have only two plates from which they are printed. Our bags are stretched before being printed. I would say that the English police have not been stretched, and they appear to me to be stencilled. The shipping mark is also on them.” Q.C.S. H.K. We never sell shipping marks on empty sacks. I am quite sure these sacks have never been used for holding flour.

There is an extra shade on the X which is in four; and there are other differences. The length of the cut is different by an inch. In the second place where the word California appears, the ‘i’ is absent and there are two long strokes in its place.

Do you remember the afternoon of February 7?—Yes. At the Central Post Office Station I saw a large number of bags of flour.

Had they your mark?—No. Did you see some bags weighed?—Yes; five bags.

Did they bear your mark?—No. Do you ever sell empty bags?—No.

Do you sell old bags?—No. Cross-examined—I am told this Company an ordinary partnership!—It is an incorporated company, duly registered and governed by Board of Directors.

How much interested in it?—I got a small amount out of the earnings. My shares are held by other people.

Have you any vote at the meetings of the Company?—Yes, through the persons who make up the board.

Are these shares your property?—Yes. Are you paid a salary?—Yes; I have no commission on the amount of sales.

What is your designation?—Particular, joint manager with Mr Hogg of the Chinese business. I have held that post eight years.

Before that you had no experience of flour?—No; I was in the wool business. The Company’s offices are in San Francisco, close to one of the mills. My duties are principally in the office.

Have you any duty in the mills?—Not specially.

What is the proper designation of your Company?—Sperry Flour Company Incorporated. We call ourselves California Incorporated.

You mean to state that you are the only millers in California or that you are the millers par excellence?—We are not the only millers. We are the best. I can’t give the exact figures of the Chinese business. I cannot quote figures showing the increase of the China business.

Can you tell us other California Companies that export flour to China?—There are three I can be sure of.

Have any started within the last three years?—One started about three years ago. I cannot tell the extent of their export of flour to China. My reason for stating that our trade has not increased adequately because of our bags being used for other flour is the knowledge that our empty sacks are being sold at a higher rate than any other empty sacks.

I do understand you to mean that this fraud is confined to Hongkong?—No.

Have you reason to believe it is done in San Francisco or Asia itself?—I have no reason to believe it is done there.

You know whatever is done in that way?—It is done in this part of the world. And your decided opinion is that the 800 bags of flour you saw in the Police store came here from San Francisco?—That is my opinion. The sacks certainly did not.

Do you wish us to believe that no one in California, either Chinese or non-Chinese, is capable of manufacturing these sacks in California?—No. I think they are quite capable. It is perfectly possible that these imitation sacks may have been made up in California—with the flour in them as calculated to deceive, without the assent of the proprietors thereof.

M. A. B. Johnson, Crown Solicitor, conducted the prosecution, and the accused, who pleaded not guilty, was defended by Mr C. J. J. French, Q.C., instructed by Mr O. D. Wilkinson.

William Whaley stated—I am connected with the firm of Sperry Flour Company, San Francisco. I have an interest in the firm. I have been connected with the firm for eight years.

What is your business?—Manufacture of flour.

Where do you carry it?—In Stockton, Sacramento, San Francisco, Marysville, and other places in the State of California. We have a large business.

What sort of business is it?—Export and local trade, mostly to China, Japan, Siam, Settlements, and Central America. We have a very large and increasing China business. During the last few years it has not increased so much, as it should have done, considering the total volume of trade.

Can you give any reason for that?—Yes; one reason is that we have known for some years past that a large quantity of other flour has been repacked in old bags and sold as our flour. That caused us to give certain information to the police here. I arrived on 3rd February. I came in consequence of information I had received. Our firm sells a great many grades of flour.

Which grade is it, that is exported to China?—The principal grade is what we call the ‘Green Girl’ grade or ‘Sperry’s XXX Bakers’ flour. That is the first quality.

What do you mean by Green Girl?—The trade mark is supposed to be the generic name. The book in Court is one of our

genuine sacks. It is in the first quality, by that I mean it commands the highest price.

Are you acquainted with the Star flour?—I know the brand and price. It does not command such a high price as the ‘Green Girl.’ The price in America varies, but is generally 25 cents gold per barrel of four sacks lower than our flour. When I speak of a sack I mean a 50-lb. sack. Our barrels sell for \$13 gold, and sacks. The Starr for \$2.85 or \$3.00.

Do you know the Anchor Brand?—Yes. It was put up by the Farmers Union Milling Co. of Stockton, California. It does not command such a high price as the ‘Green Girl.’ It is said about the same price as the Starr flour.

Who transacts your shipping business in San Francisco?—We have our own staff of shipping clerks and warehousemen. From the time it leaves the mill till it is put on board ship the flour is handled only by our own men.

Are these people in San Francisco the direct purchasers of flour from you?—To whom do you look for payment?—To the Hongkong firms?—The men in San Francisco are the actual buyers, and we look to them for payment.

When you ship and get bills of lading, do you ship in your own name or that of the firm?—When the flour is put on board the shipping receipt is handed to the purchaser who makes out his own bill of lading.

It is a genuine bag. There is a shipping mark attached to each bag; the initials we are entitled to put upon it are the buyers’, and letters indicating where it is to go. In this case it is ‘Y. Y. H. K.’ Is there any reason for the difference?—No.

When it is put on—It is stencilled on after the bags are full and ready to leave the mill.

Show exhibits, bags upon which the accused was working when interrupted by the police, or which were found in the premises at 109 Praya West—Are those marks your marks?—No. They resemble our marks very closely.

Can you point out the difference?—In the first place the word California is misspelt. It appears as ‘California.’ Our bags are printed upon a printing press. We have only two plates from which they are printed. Our bags are stretched before being printed. I would say that the English police have not been stretched, and they appear to me to be stencilled. The shipping mark is also on them.” Q.C.S. H.K.

We never sell shipping marks on empty sacks. I am quite sure these sacks have never been used for holding flour.

There is an extra shade on the X which is in four; and there are other differences. The length of the cut is different by an inch. In the second place where the word California appears, the ‘i’ is absent and there are two long strokes in its place.

Do you know the firm Quong Ying Kee (Yuen Kee)?—Yes; we know them as the Quong Ying Kee. I would not know their address.

Would you just look at this bill of lading?—It is a bill of lading for flour from the steamer *Perez* for 1800 bags Sperry XXX flour, and 500 each of two other brands.

Do you know the firm Quong Ying Kee (Yuen Kee)?—Yes. They are the same as ourselves, occasionally. The bulk of the export is in

Do you appear to be a bond?—So far as the English part of it goes, it is.

That would be a perfectly ordinary regular bill of lading for flour that might have been shipped by yourself to the Quong Ying Kee?—Undoubtedly.

With reference to those bags of yours, where are those bags made that you use?—In San Francisco. We have two firms who make all these bags.

Have they all this double line in them?—The double blue line is only in the Green Girl brand.

Just look at the bags seized and compare them with your own irrespective of the marks. They appear to be very much the same as our own. We should pass them as our own as to quality and make.

It is tolerably certain, I suppose, that these bags are manufactured in this part of the world?—If you ask my opinion, I think they are.

Looking at the machine cotton do you think they have been woven here in China?—It is easy enough to get a sewing machine here. There are thousands of bags sewing machines all over the world. Both bags, cures, and the others, are machine woven, and both have the same blue lines.

You get your bags from two different firms in San Francisco; have you any agreement with these firms that they will not supply these bags to anybody else?—Yes.

Are these shares your property?—Yes.

Are you paid a salary?—Yes; I have no commission on the amount of sales.

What is your designation?—Particular, joint manager with Mr Hogg of the Chinese business. I have held that post eight years.

Before that you had no experience of flour?—No; I was in the wool business. The Company’s offices are in San Francisco, close to one of the mills. My duties are principally in the office.

Have you any duty in the mills?—Not specially.

What is the proper designation of your Company?—Sperry Flour Company Incorporated. We call ourselves California Incorporated.

You mean to state that you are the only millers in California or that you are the millers par excellence?—We are not the only millers. We are the best. I can’t give the exact figures of the Chinese business. I cannot quote figures showing the increase of the China business.

Can you tell us other California Companies that export flour to China?—There are three I can be sure of.

Have any started within the last three years?—One started about three years ago. I cannot tell the extent of their export of flour to China. My reason for stating that our trade has not increased adequately because of our bags being used for other flour is the knowledge that our empty sacks are being sold at a higher rate than any other empty sacks.

I do understand you to mean that this fraud is confined to Hongkong?—No.

Have you reason to believe it is done in San Francisco or Asia itself?—I have no reason to believe it is done there.

You know whatever is done in that way?—It is done in this part of the world. And your decided opinion is that the 800 bags of flour you saw in the Police store came here from San Francisco?—That is my opinion. The sacks certainly did not.

Do you wish us to believe that no one in California, either Chinese or non-Chinese, is capable of manufacturing these sacks in California?—No. I think they are quite capable. It is perfectly possible that these imitation sacks may have been made up in California—with the flour in them as calculated to deceive, without the assent of the proprietors thereof.

M. A. B. Johnson, Crown Solicitor, conducted the prosecution, and the accused, who pleaded not guilty, was defended by Mr C. J. J. French, Q.C., instructed by Mr O. D. Wilkinson.

William Whaley stated—I am connected with the firm of Sperry Flour Company, San Francisco. I have an interest in the firm. I have been connected with the firm for eight years.

What is your business?—Manufacture of flour.

Where do you carry it?—In Stockton, Sacramento, San Francisco, Marysville, and other places in the State of California. We have a large business.

What sort of business is it?—Export and local trade, mostly to China, Japan, Siam, Settlements, and Central America. We have a very large and increasing China business. During the last few years it has not increased so much, as it should have done, considering the total volume of trade.

Can you give any reason for that?—Yes; one reason is that we have known for some years past that a large quantity of other flour has been repacked in old bags and sold as our flour. That caused us to give certain information to the police here. I arrived on 3rd February. I came in consequence of information I had received. Our firm sells a great many grades of flour.

Which grade is it, that is exported to China?—The principal grade is what we call the ‘Green Girl’ grade or ‘Sperry’s XXX Bakers’ flour. That is the first quality.

What do you mean by Green Girl?—The trade mark is supposed to be the generic name. The book in Court is one of our

Not except to Japan and the East. We put it on no flour to be used in the States.

Do you sell or deliver flour to any person or any firm or place of business in California?—excluding delivery on the steamer?—No. We export it put on board ourselves. We never send flour to Mexico.

Do you know the brand and price?—I know the brand and price. It does not command such a high price as the ‘Green Girl.’ The price in America varies, but is generally 25 cents gold per barrel of four sacks lower than our flour.

When I speak of a sack I mean a 50-lb. sack. Our barrels sell for \$13 gold, and sacks. The Starr for \$2.85 or \$3.00.

Do you know the Anchor Brand?—Yes.

It was put up by the Farmers Union Milling Co. of Stockton, California.

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